



# FUNDING ALERT L E A F

(Linking Education, Activity, and Food)  
Policy and Pilot Program Grants  
for Healthy Children and School Environments



**What:** The California Department of Education (CDE), Nutrition Services Division (NSD), announces a competitive grant opportunity for California's public school districts and county offices of education (COE) to develop, recommend for adoption, and pilot test districtwide nutrition and physical activity policies. LEAF (Linking Education, Activity, and Food) Policy and Pilot Program grants promote a healthy school environment through school food policies, nutrition standards, and learning opportunities that promote health for all children.

**How:** LEAF Policy and Pilot Program grants support the vision of *The Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001* (Senate Bill 19, authored by Senator M. Escutia) and the Governor's "Buy California" Initiative promoting California's fruits and vegetables and nutrition education for school-aged children.

**Who/** Public school districts and COE's who participate in the National School Lunch Program and/or

**Where:** School Breakfast Program may apply for one of the following funding opportunities:

**LEAF Policy grant:** Open to all public school districts and COE's to develop and recommend for adoption districtwide policies that promote linking education, activity, and a healthy nutrition environment. Awards are one-time grants for a maximum of \$25,000 per district or COE. The grant period is 12 months, from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

**LEAF Pilot Program grant:** Open ONLY to public school districts and COE's with school sites serving any grades 7 through 12 to develop, recommend for adoption, and **pilot test** policies that promote linking education, activity, and a healthy nutrition environment. District and COE awards are a maximum of \$250,000 per middle, junior high, or high school site (maximum of three sites per district or COE, with preference given to the inclusion of high school(s)). In addition to grant funds, state reimbursement for meals served at LEAF Pilot Program school sites will increase to 23 cents per free or reduced-price meal and 10 cents per paid meal throughout the grant period. The grant period is two years, from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2004.

**When: Anticipated Dates**

April 19, 2002..... Request For Applications (RFA) release.

May 1, 2002..... Deadline to submit application questions and attendee names for conference call.

May 2, 2002..... Conference call hosted by NSD to clarify application questions (see RFA for more information).

June 12, 2002.... Deadline for receipt of applications (by 4 p.m., postmark not accepted).

June 21, 2002.... Notice of Intent to Award posted.

July 1, 2002 ..... Grant period begins.

June 30, 2003.... LEAF Policy grant period ends.

June 30, 2004.... LEAF Pilot Program grant period ends.

Upon release, the complete LEAF Policy and Pilot Program Grants' RFA will be available on the NSD web site at [www.cde.ca.gov/nsd](http://www.cde.ca.gov/nsd)

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Please include your name, title, school district or COE, mailing address, phone, fax, and email address.

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